



2003 E.C New Year

Best Wishes from Gibe III Hydroelectric Project Staff



September marks the grand and happy occasion in the lives of many Ethiopians. It is the classic yew year celebration which has great social, cultural and national value in Ethiopia celebrated on vast scale with much jest, joy and enthusiasm.

Apart from the celebration, it is also an opportunity to convey strong wishes to relatives, intimates, or citizens. People express their best wishes to one another just to go on with track of successes in the new year with new work spirits.

As part of national achievements and giant activities in Ethiopia, the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project staff also deserve best wishes of Ethiopian new year, 2003. So, it is high time to collect the best wishes all together.

Azeb Asnake, Gibe III's Project Manager, would like to overview the Project's performance in the previous year (2002 E.C) before she jumps to passing on her wishes.

She says with confidence that the 2002 E.C. was successful year for Gibe III Hydroelectric Project. "Despite some challenges like shortage of hard currency, we have achieved a lot ; specifically, we have carried out 80 per cent of what we have planned. That is a significant achievement in terms of the physical works."

Azeb also pleasantly mention the previous year for resolving the project's financial problem. "This was our major challenge and hence had consumed a lot of time. But the case was fruitfully settled in 2002 E.C. We have already secured the finance for hydro-mechanical and electro- mechanical works of the Project. Thus, it is no more a headache from now onwards"



Gibe III Hydroelectric Project (model)

In general, according to Azeb, the accomplishment of the Project in the past Ethiopian year was significant. This, indeed, does not come out of the blue. It is the dedicated and relentless efforts of the Project's staff. Their commitment and initiation towards realizing the Project had been an essence, Azeb applauded.



Azeb Asnake, Gibe III's Project Manager

In 2002 Ethiopian Fiscal Year, the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project had also drawn various guests from all corners. Speakers of Houses of the Federal and Regional state Councils of Ethiopia, higher Government officials like Abay Tsehay, Fikru Dessalegn and other guests had paid a visit to the Project. "This is a pleasant and motivating factor towards positive accomplishment of the Project." Azeb said. "After concluding their visits, the guests expressed their deep feelings. Many of them were misguided by the baseless news that has been told about the Project in relation to its social and environmental impact. They also thought the Project has been suspended. But when they observe the realities on the ground, they were very surprised and grateful to the performance of the Project"

She also remarked that the comments and suggestions of the visitors is valuable in keeping and building the morals of the staff. "We have received comments like 'you are proud of contributing a significant share to the development of the country; you are playing a pillar role in making a big history for Ethiopia'. All these valuable comments really increase the working spirits of the staff"

Azeb as well expects same thing in the new Ethiopian year, 2003.

Coming back to her wishes for the Project as well as to the Project staff, Azeb said at this time everything is on the right track. In this new year, the Project's main part, the RCC Dam construction, will be commenced and it is also planned to increase the Project's progress by 11

per cent, which totally pushes the overall achievement of the Project to 50 per cent.

In all this plan, Azeb says the unreserved and relentless efforts of the Project's staff are highly required. "Luckily the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project is staffed with self-motivated people. There is no work limitation in the Project site. If need arises, the senior engineer may happily participate in any ordinary activities because of his/her wish to accomplish the Project within schedule. Everybody is cooperative, sociable and enthusiastic as far as the Project is concerned. This, as the Project's Manager, gives me full confidence." Azeb underlined.

In conclusion, Azeb remarked the staff of the Project to proceed with their existing spirit of eagerness. "Particularly, we know that the site staff pays more sacrifice in all respects. This could not be calculated simply in monetary values. Rather, it stems from their aspirations to see the victory of the Project. God bless you all. And please also double your efforts in this new Ethiopian year, 2003.

Azeb as well said Eid Mubarak to the Muslim staff of the Project for the Eid ul-Fitr celebration at the eve of the new year.



Mebratu Teshome, Project Site Coordinator

The Gibe III Hydroelectric Project Site Coordinator, Mebratu Teshome, has also similar wishes toward the success of the Project. "There was some slowdown in the work progress; but now everything is moving on right track. So, all of us have to find ways of stepping up the Project.", he said.

"We have achieved a lot in the previous year. This gives us more confidence to repeat the same victory in this new year, also. For that matter, the unreserved endeavors of the Project staff is exceedingly important; hence, I wish them all the best and would like to say please proceed with your complete efforts with new spirit." Mebratu said.

Mr. Philippe Cronsniere, Chief Resident Engi-



Mr. Crosnier, Resident Engineer, JV Consultant

neer, on his part conveyed his wishes to all the Project staff.

“I wish a happy new year to the country and its people. I wish also the Project comes to its completion in due time to the benefit of all Ethiopians. I think this Project is expected by everyone because it will bring more facilities and better standards of life to the country. Hence, all the Project staff should go on with fresh mind.” Mr. Crosnier advised.

On behalf of the Contractor, Salini Costruttori.S.P.A., Mr.Linaldo Forcellini, similarly expressed his best wishes to the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project staff. “The Project is progressing in a good condition at this time. We are also coming to the main parts of the Project, the RCC Dam operation in near future. So, hard work is expected from all the staff. I wish all the best to all of them and happy



Mr.Linaldo Forcellini

new year.”, he concluded his remarks.

The three young civil work inspectors, Eyoel Solomon, Abayneh Getnet and Kenzu Temam have as well expressed their best wishes to the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project. “As an Ethiopian I feel confident in this Project. It is my usual prayer to see the fruit of



Eyoel Solomon



Kenzu Temam

the Project. For that matter, I am very dedicated to work hard.” Eyoel said.

Kenzu’s wish is no different from Eyoel’s. Likewise, he aspires to see the Project’s accomplishment in near future. For that case, he promises to do all his bests without any reservation in the new year.

“As the Project have significant share in the development of the country, all of us have to show real commitment to work hard with high responsibilities”, Kenzu added.

On his part, Abayneh also said, “We know the Government has given due attention to the Project. It has showed its real comments even at the time of the critical hard currency deficiency. Therefore, in the new Ethiopian year,



Abayneh Getnet

we will also accomplish more than what we did in the previous year.”

Indeed, it is everyone's wish to see the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project finalized within short period of time since it is a mega project for satisfying the energy demand of the country. May 2003 E.C be a very happy and prosperous year for all of us.

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